

**THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL**

**Few People Know How Useful it is in Preserving Health and Beauty**

Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better; it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system.

Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking or after eating onions and other odorous vegetables.

Charcoal effectually clears and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it disinfects the mouth and throat from the poison of catarrh.

All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered Willow charcoal and other harmless antiseptics, in tablet form or rather in the form of large, pleasant tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath and purer blood, and the beauty of it is, that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but on the contrary, great benefit.

A Buffalo physician in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefitted by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

**THE LEGISLATURE**

**Again in Session—Now Revenue Bill About Ready—Railroad Lobby Rampant**

The legislature reconvened Monday after its nine days adjournment to allow the special committee on revenue and taxation to complete its work. The committee was not quite ready to report its bill Monday and asked for more time, which was granted.

The Lincoln Daily Star on Monday evening claimed to present its readers with an abstract of the provisions of the new bill, and since that time has been crowing over its big "beat." The other dailies are saying little about it, but claim that several days must elapse before the committee is ready to report its bill.

The Star's summary of the features of the new bill is as follows:

"A complete system of assessment officers, with a state body at the head. "Taxes on real estate constitute a lien from date due.

"Unit system is employed in taxation of railroad, telegraph and pipe line companies.

"The value of the franchises of corporations must be returned in the assessment schedule.

"A special provision is made for telephone companies, requiring not only franchise consideration, but also statement of receipts and earnings.

"A severe penalty is provided for attempts to evade the tax laws.

"Provision is made to put the Union Pacific bridge at Omaha in the hands of a receiver in case of prolongation of the tax controversy.

"An amendment is offered increasing the assessments of the insurance companies.

"Pawnbrokers are included in the schedules.

"Merchants and manufacturers will find definition of the assessments as amended against them."

The work was divided into four general topics and each assigned to a sub-committee. (a) Corporations, to Messrs. Sears, Day, Reynolds, and Brown; (b) Assessors and Listing of Personal Property, to Messrs. Sweezy, Saunders, Brown, and Fries; (c) Tax Sales, Deeds, Redemption of Deeds, etc., to Messrs. Loomis, Pemberton, and Warner; and (d) Schedules of Personal Property, Assessments, Listing and Valuation of Real Estate, Taxation by Counties, and Collection of Taxes, to Messrs. Douglas, Anderson, Thompson, and Wilson.

Until the bill is finally introduced, The Independent will not attempt to

discuss its provisions. Suffice it to say that a general survey of the field as it appears at present indicates that the bill will be along the lines laid down in the republican platform last fall, namely, that the farmers must pay much heavier taxes and the railroads continue about as at present, if not indeed to pay even a lower amount than at present. It doubtless has a number of excellent features, but it is essentially a railroad tax-shirking bill, if one may judge from the features as presented by the Star.

Monday the house passed the following bills:

H. R. 99, by Gregg—To require notice of district school board meetings to be served on all members.

H. R. 100, by Hanna—Appropriating \$12,000 for the establishment of not less than three nor more than five junior normal schools, to be under the direction of the state superintendent. Three of such school to be located at Alliance, McCook and Valentine.

H. R. 101, by Kittel—Raising the road tax limit in townships from 2 mills to 5 mills.

House Roll 171 is the strategic point where will be fought the battle between the defenders of home rule and equitable taxation on the one hand and the railroad tax-shirking cohorts on the other. The railroad forces are sure to win—so sure, in fact, that Dictator Baldwin has felt free to go to Kansas City to attend a wine supper in honor of Lincoln's birthday.

A caucus of the Lancaster delegation was held Tuesday night, and this is the way the State Journal broke the news that the Lancaster delegation will obey the railroad lash:

"Taxation of terminal railroad property received its death blow so far as support from Lancaster's delegation as a unit is concerned when the motion was passed declaring it to be the sense of the meeting that the present unit system be retained. This motion was made by T. C. Munger and was carried without opposition after brief discussion. In talking over this problem, a general sentiment appeared that there was justice in the plan and that railroads did not pay their just share of municipal taxes, but it was realized that the majority of the members of the legislature had been made to believe that if municipal taxation of railroads was permitted in one or two cities, it should be granted all along the lines to towns and villages or else the taxation in one or two places would result in the lowering of the share the railroads pay for county taxes. The business men gave up hope of passing the bill and released the delegation from supporting the measure."

Whatever may have been the original motive in separating the taxing jurisdiction of Omaha, South Omaha, and Lincoln, for municipal purposes, from taxation for state and county purposes, the fact remains that House Roll 171 carries out the idea of home rule in taxation—a principle that every populist and democratic member of the legislature cannot afford to oppose. The same idea should be applied to every other city in the state. It should be applied to the assessment of railroads for county purposes, although for county and state taxation the "distribution" of railroad values according to the mileage plan in force, is the most nearly equitable plan that can be adopted. It may not be perfect—but there is no perfect taxation, with all due respect to the single taxers.

Other bills, applying the same principle for city taxation, should be introduced so that every city in the state may have the same rights as Omaha. None of them can pass this railroad-ridden legislature—but every man who wears the railroad collar should be put on record.

The fusion members—a mere handful, it is true—have now the opportunity to show what stuff they are made of. A caucus should be held and the minority should act as a unit.

**Home Life Insurance Companies**

THEIR IMPORTANCE TO THE WEST—SUGGESTIONS OF AN EXPERT LIFE INSURANCE OFFICER UPON THE SUBJECT WITH THE BANKERS RESERVE LIFE

As the Exemplification of His Ideas—A Strong Local Company Backed by the People of Nebraska and the West.

"I cannot urge the people of the

**Good Ranch Property Cheap**

The following is a brief description of a few of the bargains we have to offer this week. Write for full information. Our great facilities and long experience enables us to give you the best possible service. We sell, buy and trade all kinds of property.

- No. 625. 320 acres 12 miles southwest of Akron, Colo. Fine improvements. Price \$2,200, \$1,400 cash and time on the balance. Great opportunity for man with small capital.
- No. 626. 480 acres in Dawson county. 240 acres on Platte Valley and finest kind of land for alfalfa; 50 acres good stand of alfalfa. 240 acres sloping hill land. 100 acres under irrigation ditch, water right all paid up. 100 acres under cultivation besides the 50 acres in alfalfa 225 acres in pasture. There is no finer piece of property in the state of Nebraska. Price, \$10,000.
- No. 623. 1,440 acres deeded land 26 miles from railroad town. Will cut 400 to 500 tons of hay. 100 acres in cultivation. 2 miles from post-office; telephone to railroad. Nice grove of trees. Price, \$6,500.
- No. 624. 13 deeded quarters. 3 miles from Akron, Colo. Fine new improvements. 20 two-year-old steers and heifers, 40 last spring's calves (black muleys). Plenty feed on place to carry stock through winter. For a short time only this goes for \$7,500.
- No. 621. 480 acres in Frontier Co. 160 cultivation; 160 bottom land, one-half of which is good timber. 10 acres alfalfa. 70 acres blue stem meadow. Timber will make enough posts at 10 cents each to pay for the land. Price, \$15 per acre.
- No. 613. 1,440 acres deeded land. 200 head good grade white face cattle. Horses and implements for putting up 1,000 tons of hay. Shed for 250 head of cattle. All improvements first-class. 25 miles from railroad town. Telephone connections. Price \$13,500. Will take from \$6,000 to \$8,000 farm in trade, and will carry \$5,000 on the stock if so desired.
- No. 608. 320 acre ranch 8 miles from Elsie, Perkins county. Fine new improvements and will handle 300 head of cattle. Price \$3,500. Will also sell 80 head of cattle if desired, or will trade everything for good farm in eastern Nebraska or Iowa.
- No. 601. 480 acres in Lincoln county. Fine valley land; good improvements and goes at \$15 per acre.
- No. 631. 2,080 acres deeded land 5 miles from Yuma, Colo. Improvements that cost \$2,500. Also one section of school land leased. An excellent ranch proposition and we will sell it for \$7,500, half cash and

- balance to suit purchaser.
  - No. 572½. 920 acres deeded and 650 acres school land leased. 2 miles of running water. 150 acres under cultivation. 200 acres well adapted to alfalfa. 142 head of good cattle, 10 head of horses, and ranch equipment. Plenty of feed to carry stock through winter. Price \$15,000 and will take part in trade for good income property.
  - No. 555. 400-acre stock ranch in Otoe county; two miles from good town. First-class improvements; 250 acres under cultivation. Price, \$45 per acre.
  - No. 540. 1,100-acre ranch one mile from Loup City, Neb. 460 acres Loup river bottom. Good alfalfa land. Fine improvements. Price, \$22,000, half cash and time to suit buyer on balance.
- We have many more good bargains in ranch property. Can suit you in price, terms and location.
- FARMS.
- No. 627. 880-acre farm in Harlan county. 400 acres in cultivation; 275 acres in winter wheat, in good condition. Half mile of running water, 40 acres alfalfa. Fine orchard. Will give possession at once. Price \$20 per acre. A better deal cannot be found in the state.
  - No. 628. 160 acres five miles from Huntley. Unimproved. \$1,000, half cash.
  - No. 622. A good farm in Missouri for \$30 per acre.
  - No. 614. Good farm in Phillips Co., Kansas, for \$22 per acre.
  - No. 616. 1,600 acres in Perkins county at \$3 per acre.
  - No. 617. 160 acres fine alfalfa land in Republican valley, very best improvements; 36 acres in alfalfa. Price, \$6,000; \$4,000 cash.
- We have several hundred farms, large and small, and at all prices. Can suit you in terms and location. Write us just what you want. We can certainly please you in alfalfa land.
- No. 619. First-class upholstering business in large town. Only one in the city. Price, \$500. This is a snap.
  - No. 607. \$4,000 stock of marble. In good town. Will trade for good land.
  - No. 598. General store in Fillmore county. Only one in village. Good paying proposition. Goes for \$1,200. We have a fine list of residence property in Lincoln and other Nebraska towns, as well as several in other states.

**Nebraska Real Estate and Exchange Agency**

**WEBER & FARRIS**

1328 O Street,

Lincoln, Nebraska.

west too strongly to build up their local insurance companies," said B. H. Robison, president of the Bankers Reserve Life association and probably the best known life insurance expert west of Chicago. "It is essential to the financial independence of the west. We cannot afford to take from \$1,200,000 to \$2,000,000 a year from our savings and cart it away to New York to be stored in money vaults already overloaded.

"Des Moines, Ia., is the home of a hundred insurance organizations organized under the laws of that state. An army of more than 25,000 people is supported by the more than 5,000 persons paid wages and other forms of compensation by these institutions.

"Nebraska is now the home of three staunch life insurance companies organized under the laws of this state. There are a number of fire insurance, accident and casualty companies and this state is the home state of two of the great benefit societies and of several younger but promising fraternal organizations.

"There is no reason in the wide, wide world why Nebraska should march in the rear ranks of the insurance advance guard of the west. Situated at exactly the right geographical location to cover the trans-Mississippi region, in the healthiest section of the American union, with thousands of insurable age, loyal and enterprising, we can and we shall make Nebraska rank with Connecticut and Massachusetts in the insurance world. "I am very much in earnest about this matter not alone because I am the executive officer of a promising company, but because my heart is in this patriotic work of building up the great west along life insurance lines. "We would welcome to the field a

dozen good, well-managed companies and the home companies can and should make common cause against alien, trust-bound competitors when they will not compete fairly.

"As evidence of the readiness of the people of this section of the west to aid in the good work, permit me to refer to my annual report and to show you by the figures of our financial statement what has been accomplished in a little more than three years of active work:

New business in 1902.....	\$2,332,750
Insurance in force.....	5,234,500
Premium income.....	179,509
Invested and other assets....	116,820
Death losses unpaid.....	None
Contested claims.....	None
Current liabilities.....	None
Cash in bank.....	25,284

"I want to secure good underwriters for several new states we are about to enter. The Bankers Reserve Life is known all through the west. The good fight it has been making for western companies draws to it the support of the loyal local people everywhere. No better policies, no better agency contracts, no better field for work, no better terms."

**Catalpa Seedlings and Seeds**

2,000,000 Catalpa seedlings. Varieties: Bigonioides, Speciosa, Teas' Hybrid, Japan, Golden Leaf, and dwarf, 12 to 36 inches high. 1,000 pounds seeds of same, growth 1902. Write ROBT. W. FURNAS, Brownville, Neb.

Baltimore has finally secured a primary law whereby all parties hold primaries on the same day and in the same voting booths.